

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1

The COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on Monday, November 18, 2002, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Milton Farley, Council Member District No. 1, Chairman; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Council Member District No 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7; Mr. Steve C. Davis, Councilmember District No. 8; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio; Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Council Member District No. 5 was excused.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina and the Berkeley County Library, and mailed to the newspaper, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Mr. Rozier opened the meeting; Councilmember Spooner gave the invocation and Councilmember Crosby led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Farley stated an Executive Session was needed to discuss matters relating to the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body.

It was moved by Councilmember Spooner and seconded by Councilmember Crosby to enter into Executive Session for reasons stated. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The Committee on Justice and Public Safety entered into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m. and returned at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney, reported the Committee on Justice Public Safety went into Executive Session to discuss matters as stated in the motion. No formal action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Farley asked the Committee's pleasure on the approval of minutes for Justice and Public Safety meeting held on October 14, 2002.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Spooner to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

A. Ralph Hoisington, Ninth Circuit Solicitor, Re: Personnel matters.

Mr. Hoisington stated the Solicitor's proposal was to take the county employees that are paid under the hybrid system of funding from both State and County monies and make them full County employees. In return, the Solicitor's office will be turning over State monies directly to the County.

It was moved by Councilmember Pinckney and seconded by Councilmember Crosby to have the Supervisor provide Council with additional information on November 25, 2002, regarding the proposal from the Solicitor's Office. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

B. Elizabeth Harper, Chief Magistrate, Re: Issues of security, personnel and space.

Judge Harper addressed the Committee to request additional funds for one temporary employee, for which, funds will run out on November 30, 2002. The additional funds needed are \$8,353.87 to keep the employee as a temporary employee for the remainder of the 2002-2003 fiscal year; as a full time employee the funds needed would be \$15,356.18 (with benefits).

Councilmember Spooner explained the reason the employee was funded as a temporary employee for six months versus the entire fiscal year was because funds were short. The funds are still tight and less than half the fiscal year has been completed. Therefore, she would have to give this some extensive consideration before she would be able to support the additional funds. She suggested that this wait until more information could be received from the newly formed Magistrates Advisory Commission.

Supervisor Rozier suggested that the Committee approve funding for a two month period. At which time additional information may be forthcoming from the Advisory Commission.

It was moved by Councilmember Spooner and seconded by Councilmember Crosby to send to Finance for an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for a temporary position to come from contingency. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

C. Frank Kirk, Berkeley County Probate Judge, Re: Computer software upgrade.

Judge Kirk addressed the Committee explaining that two years ago the Office of Court Administration told all Probate Courts, in the future; they would be expected to submit data directly to the office in Columbia electronically. They have since defined the perimeters for the

data required; hence, the software is needed to facilitate this. The cost of this software is \$1,500.00.

It was moved by Councilmember Spooner and seconded by Councilmember Crosby to send forward to Finance additional funds for Probate Court in the amount of \$1,500.00 for computer software to come from Contingency. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Councilmember Spooner and seconded by Councilmember Crosby to adjourn the Committee on Justice and Public Safety. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

December 9, 2002
Date Approved

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A meeting of the COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on Monday November 18, 2002, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss matters relating to the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

October 14, 2002

- A Ralph Hoisington, Ninth Circuit Solicitor, Re: Personnel matters.
- B. Elizabeth Harper, Chief Magistrate, Re: Issues of security, personnel and space.
- C. Frank Kirk, Berkeley County Probate Judge, Re: Computer software upgrade.

November 13, 2002
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council